



SIGN OF THE CROSS—Pope John Paul II walking past Lithuania's Hill of Crosses, a place of pilgrimage in the Soviet era, on Tuesday. He is on his first visit to a Baltic state.

Single Issue Remains, PLO Official Declares He Sees Accord Soon on How to Word Renouncing of Fight Against Israel

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service TUNIS — The principal architect of the Palestine Liberation Organization's secret negotiations with Israel says that "all issues have been agreed upon" with the exception of how to phrase the PLO's abandonment of armed struggle against the Israelis.

Tokyo Makes Economic Vow, but What's New?

By Steven Brill International Herald Tribune TOKYO — In his bleakest assessment since taking office last month, Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa warned Tuesday that the Japanese economy threatened to slide back into recession and vowed to take prompt measures to resolve the "urgent situation."

The agency's monthly report described the economy as being at a standstill — wording slightly more pessimistic than in June when it stated the slowdown was almost over. The new tone suggests that the EPA's Socialist minister, Manae Kubota, has consolidated her power over bureaucrats who were unprepared last month to swallow their pride by revising earlier reports.

White House Opens Fire On 'Useless' Bureaucracy

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON — Sounding like a corporate CEO bent on downsizing, President Bill Clinton proposed a major overhaul of the federal bureaucracy Tuesday that would shape the government more in the image of a lean, customer-oriented private company.



Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the parliamentary debate on the budget Tuesday.

End Is Seen for German Recession Western Germany reported economic growth on Tuesday for the first time in 15 months, raising hopes that its deepest recession since World War II had bottomed out.

Amid All the Repression, China Is Showing Results

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service What is intellectually irksome about China, for anyone who values human rights, is that a Communist Party that is often brutally repressive should be so stunningly successful in raising living standards.

China-India Border Agreement Marks Step in Closer Relations

By Lena H. Sun Washington Post Service BEIJING — China and India signed an agreement on Tuesday to reduce troops along their border, a move both sides hailed as important progress in improving relations.

Key Acid Rain Pollutant Declines in U.S.

By Tim Hilchey New York Times Service NEW YORK — In what is considered a significant success for the Federal Clean Air Act, researchers have found a "sharp signal" that pollution linked to acid rain is declining.

Kiosk Courier Falls in Open To France's Pioline Top-seeded Jim Courier, seeking to become the first man to reach all the Grand Slam finals in the same year since Rod Laver won all four tournaments in 1969, was beaten Tuesday by Cedric Pioline of France, 7-5, 6-7 (7-4), 6-4, 6-4, in the fourth round at the U.S. Open in New York. (Page 19)

Accord Sets Out Power Sharing In South Africa

By Paul Taylor Washington Post Service JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's multiparty negotiating forum approved on Tuesday the creation of a Transitional Executive Council that will give blacks a role in governing the country for the first time.

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JERUSALEM — Tens of thousands of people protesting a Palestinian self-rule plan laid siege to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office Tuesday...

to a settlement ending years of bloodshed. Israel and Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization have agreed in secret negotiations on principles of limited Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories...

Palestinians, Hopeful of Nationhood, Are Already at Work



A woman in Jerusalem laying out material for manufacturing Palestinian flags.

By John Kifner New York Times Service JERUSALEM — Who will police the new Palestine? How will the garbage be collected, the potholes fixed, the electric power generated?

It is entwined with the Arab history of Jerusalem. His father, Abdal Kader Hussein, who was the Arab commander in 1948, died fighting for the road to the city...

That it would be in "the mutual interests of all sides to deal with terrorism and factions who try to sabotage the agreement."

Half of Deportees to Return

MARJ AZ-ZOHOUR, Lebanon — The leader of nearly 400 Palestinian deportees said Tuesday that 189 would return Thursday to Israel after nearly nine months in exile in southern Lebanon.

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Beautiful Music?
Beat the Drums

Tony Williams, Purist:
Is Any Sound as Sweet?

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — After considering the question, he says no, he never had to earn money making music he did not want to make.

It's a two-way blessing. He wants people to feel that the drums are the most beautiful instrument in the world, as romantic as violins.

When he started to play seriously in Boston at the age of 12, he tried to sound like Max Roach, Art Blakey and his other heroes.

To get to it, you have to move everything and clean the dust. He cleaned and cleaned and found this beautiful vase.

Last week Williams was in Paris to record a string quartet by and with Michel Petruccianni (with Dave Holland on bass).

THE first time he played a real drum kit was as a preteen with his father Tillman, a saxophonist, in a Boston club.

Jackie McLean had asked Tony's mother for permission to bring him to New York.



Tony Williams, in Paris for a recording session.

UT in general he does not believe that a sound psyche is necessary for excellence. He has known people who were "as crazy as loons, who thought that the locusts were coming," make excellent music.

When he finally hit him that Miles was gone, something changed. It was going to be tough for him to live in a world without Miles Davis.

British Pop: It's Bash the Yanks

By Simon Reynolds
New York Times Service

LONDON — In rock-and-roll as in politics, the United States and Britain have a special relationship.

But usually it's British bands that respond quickest to black American innovations, adding a vital element of art-school conceptualism, style and attitude, then promptly selling this repackaged black American music to white America.

But just as the special relationship in politics often engenders anxiety among the British, similarly the trans-Atlantic traffic in pop is fraught with rivalry and resentment.

From the late '80s until quite recently, British indie bands had looked to American hard-core and alternative rock, envying and admiring the likes of Sonic Youth and Big Black.

American underground bands seem to have an unself-conscious and intuitive approach that was felt to be preferable to England's

traditionally over-theorized and premeditated take on rock-and-roll. The best British bands of the late '80s, like My Bloody Valentine, took the slacker spirit and neopsychedelic sound of Dinosaur Jr. and Husker Du, giving them an androgynous spin.

The explosive success of Nirvana changed everything. What was once cool and a trifle exotic became commonplace, oppressive. Even more resented are the home-grown plague of slacker wannabes who've struggled to emulate the invaders, growing their hair shaggy, mumbling their lyrics, grunging up their guitars.

As 1992 turned into 1993, a wave of bands emerged that reject the notion of an "English curse" (of pretentiousness and preciousness) and instead embrace the idea of being literate, self-conscious, stylized and ironic.

From the late '70s (David Bowie, T. Rex, Kate Bush) and the English nostalgia of the Smiths. Its front man, Brett Anderson, sings in an exaggerated London accent, a defiant gesture

against a pseudo-American slacker drawl that so many British bands still mimic. His fey, flamboyant image and gender-bending lyrics are a resurrection of the English tradition of sexual ambiguity, a concerted reaction against grunge's machismo.

Other hands flying the flag for the imperiled legacy of English pop include Denim, Pulp, the Auteurs and Saint Etienne. The Auteurs herald a return to wordy songcraft. The group's singer Luke Haines worships what he calls the "wryness and dryness" of quintessentially English songwriters like Ray Davies of the Kinks.

The band's debut album, "New Wave," released in America last spring by Caroline, even contained an anti-grunge anthem called "American Guitars." Saint Etienne is a stylish dance pop trio whose delightful, irony-drenched songs with titles like "London Belongs to Me" and "Venue" often seem like reinventions of '60s London.

The anti-American mood was prefigured by that most England-obsessed singer, Morrissey, formerly of the Smiths. On his 1992 glam-rocking LP, "Your Arsenal," the song "We'll Let You Know" mourned the fact that "we look to Los Angeles for the language we use... London is dead."

If there's a sociological backdrop to this mini-movement of bands that are proud to be British, it's that England is in the throes of political, social and cultural crisis. Economic recession, rising crime and the deterioration of public service have all fueled unease about where Britain is heading as a nation, and what it means to be British.

The defiant Englishness of this new crop of indie bands is a sort of perversely parochial response to global pop culture. Since the future would seem to promise the loss of national cultural identity, these bands turn to the back pages of England's pop glory.

former and stage actor who made his screen debut in this film, plays Uncle Gyuzi, the lovable salesman with whom so many in the audience seem to identify. Uncle Gyuzi is not avaricious, and avarice is a trait that many Hungarians see as unwelcome but growing in the post-Communist world. He goes to the racetrack, a popular Hungarian pastime, but shrugs off his losses. He is sweet and charming in an avuncular way to women of all ages.

And it is clear he survives in an atmosphere of stability without fretting over rent increases or whether the family can afford the latest imported household gadget and without worries about Hungary's new market economy.

The film's comical touch is in contrast to the heavy, cerebral Hungarian movies favored by the critics but mostly ignored by the audiences. The festival winner, for example, was "Child Murders," a dark black-and-white film about a young boy abandoned in a poor suburb of Budapest by his mother and left to care for his alcoholic grandmother. Other recent Hungarian movies have treated political topics of the Communist era in a serious vein.

Hungarian Movie Is a Surprise Hit

By Jane Perlez
New York Times Service

BUDAPEST — A low-budget, light-hearted movie set in the 1960s about a salesman who travels around the countryside selling coat hangers and educating his teenage nephew about life, has become a runaway hit here, prompting a wave of nostalgia among Hungarians for simpler times, even if they were Communist.

Some people have returned again and again to see "We'll Never Die," even sitting on the floor of the small art house theaters where it is shown. Since its debut at the Budapest Film Festival at the beginning of the year, the movie has outsold most of the big American productions that are the traditional box office hits here.

"It's a huge surprise that people have started going to Hungarian movies again," said Robert Koltai, 49, the movie's director and its main actor. "People are going five or six times and telling each other before each scene what's going to happen. Everybody can see something in it." Koltai, a well-known Hungarian cabaret per-

"Audiences have had enough of certain kinds of films, where there is no catharsis, or where there is a lot of money and glitter and great actors but a huge emptiness only good for the two hours of filling up the theater," Koltai said.

The film broke new ground in the way it was financed. Koltai found the money himself. Half of it came from a film studio and the other half from commercial sponsors like a Budapest racetrack, newspapers and a telecommunication company.

The story, told in vignettes, is largely autobiographical. As a teenager, Koltai said, he often traveled with his uncle, who sold wooden coat hangers. He remembers his uncle being harassed by policemen for not having a permit to sell in open-air markets, a scene he recreates with humor in the film. His uncle, he said, would lose his bets at the races, then get a loan to go back to Budapest to bet even more. "He was always in trouble," said Koltai. "I had great empathy for him and he loved me a lot."

The film is scheduled to open in Santa Monica, California, on Oct. 21, said Bela Buniyk, a Hungarian-born American distributor.

In Venice, a Shocker From Altman

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss
International Herald Tribune

VENICE — Robert Altman's "Short Cuts" in competition at the 50th Venice film festival, had its premiere here before its October release in the United States.

Altman, renowned for his sardonic outlook in "M.A.S.H.," "Nashville" and recently "The Player" has devised a singularly ambitious product. Its scene is contemporary Los Angeles, ever a curious realm.

It is introduced to frightening dirt as helicopters swoop over the fields spraying pesticides. Its narrative contains a wide collection of the city's lower middle-class: a sage of television, a desperate woman cellist, a nightclub singer who blasts her numbers in Sophie Tucker style, a baker who runs into trouble, faithless wives, brutal men, doctors, a shift police-

THE scenario has been taken from the short stories by the late Raymond Carver, a sharp chronicler of the town's lower regions. The stories have been arranged in brief sketches to relate the general plot.

These people live in a kind of hell but they manage to bear it. Altman has avoided any soap opera sentimentality in recording these dim happenings. Jack Lemmon's confession of his incest is the only touch of compassion.

The rest of the cast — Tom Wails, Audie MacDowell, Tim Robbins — is excellent.



Altman at festival explaining his film "Short Cuts."

who insists that her father has violated her. Whether this is true or not is left to the spectator's imagination.

Sandrine Blancke is the 12-year-old daughter and Alain Bashung as her questionable father are worthy of acting honors.

There is a certain Gallic logic to Isserman's treatment of this film. Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Trois Couleurs, Bleu" ("Three Colors, Blue"), also from France, is more effective in its haunting pictorial visions and decor than it is dramatically.

His heroine (Anouk Grinberg) is the familiar tough young miss who can handle herself among jerks. Her father (amusingly played by Marcello Mastroianni) lives on pasta.

MARCEL PAGNOL with his gift for Provence dialogue and humor might have made something of such a wayward script but he would have made it fast and brief.

ALTMAN and James Ivory, who is serving on the jury, will be making films in Paris soon. Altman is going to shoot his screenplay "Pit & Pootie," a comedy on the Parisian fashion, in early March 1994. Ivory intends to start his production on "Thomas Jefferson," recording the United States president when he was ambassador to the king of France just before the revolution, in January.

Chen Kaige, also on jury duty, whose "Farewell to My Concubine" was awarded the Palme d'Or at the Cannes festival this year, is preparing his next film, "Shadow of a Flower," with Leslie Cheung as its star. It is a story of three young people in 1920 China, a period of change.

Martin Scorsese and Woody Allen were early-bird celebrities. Scorsese brought his "Age of Innocence," derived from Edith Wharton's novel, and Allen arrived with his "Manhattan Murder Mystery." Neither of these is in competition, but both were well received.

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Mexican wages have suddenly become a major factor in American politics. With both parties deeply divided, Congress is approaching a vote later this fall on NAFTA...

Mr. Bonior's allies in the labor movement argue that Mexican wage policy is holding wages artificially low while productivity rises, creating a monster that will eat the American competition alive...

Housecleaning Time

Remind the taph to inauguration day. America's new chief executive seemed as impatient as his fellow citizens to begin to reclaim the nation's political system from the grip of rich special interests...

Democrats in 1992 but vetoed by President George Bush. House Democrats, if they were sincere, would have voted to pass it before the summer. What has given them pause, of course, is that there is actually a president in the White House ready to sign the measure into law...

Leftover Statuary

The Washington Post recently carried a report by India correspondent John Ward Anderson describing "Crownation Memorial Park" in old Delhi, where the statues and monuments left over from British rule have been grouped and left to molder...

ing him with a sort of computer-generated news and advertising service. Other entries in the show are said to include melting the metal statues into onion domes, converting them to playground-type benches for children or rigging them for use as water fountains...

Other Comment

Balladur's Dilemma [Prime Minister Edouard Balladur] has repeatedly said the understandings that France would bring economic benefits to France, the world's fourth-biggest exporter of goods and its second-biggest exporter of services...

Balladur's rhetoric (though never as strident as that of other right-wing politicians) has barely moderated. True, his stubbornness is designed partly to give France a strong bargaining hand for the remaining talks. But by raising the stakes and making it even more difficult to back down...

In China, a Government Afraid of Its Own Citizens

HONG KONG — Many ordinary people in Hong Kong fear the implications of a recent decision by China to expel Han Dongfang, a 30-year-old former railway worker. He was the organizer of a labor union before the Chinese military, on orders from the Communist Party, ordered the bloody suppression of the pro-democracy movement in June 1989...

country, the people of Hong Kong have reason to tremble. Most Hong Kongers have long expected that rights such as freedom of speech, press and association would be sharply curtailed after 1997. But these relatively abstract rights, although important to the well educated, are not central to the life of the working masses...

the world. British and American officials condemned the move. U.S. congressional leaders warned that it threatened China's most-favored-nation trade status and jeopardized Beijing's hopes of getting the Olympic Games in the year 2000.

Hong Kong, and his Chinese passport was canceled. This was no arbitrary bureaucratic blunder. The Communist rulers of China, fearful of Mr. Han as a popular, charismatic and talented organizer of labor, could not afford to have him roaming around the country.

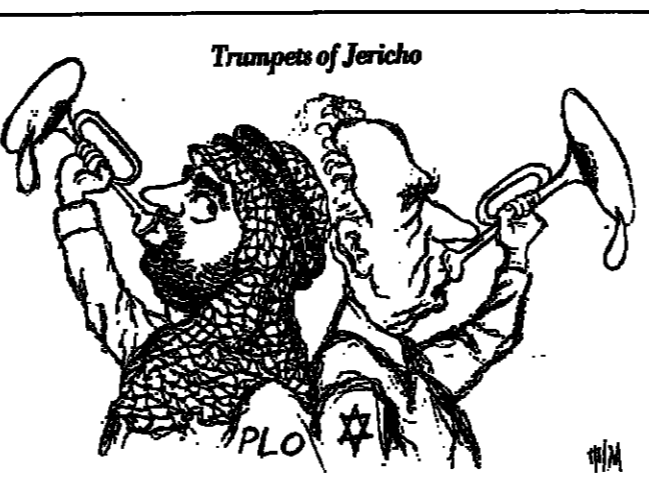
Mideast: A Triumph of Realism and Self-Interest, Not Idealism

NEW YORK — The rival doctrines in the Israeli-Palestinian debate are "territories for peace" and permanent Israeli rule over all the territories and peoples in the West Bank and Gaza. A conventional fallacy presents these as theories still awaiting experimental judgment. This is untrue.

controlled the Suez Canal, war was eventually inevitable. With the treaty in force, we have lost not one person, and war is virtually inconceivable.

efficiency by the United States. We are celebrating a victory of deference, not of utopian virtue. Governing a rebellious alien people is the only impossibility in this liberating age.

The Israelis' essential nature is to deploy their democracy and cultural and social lineage in a world community that is wide open to them for the first time. Israel's flag flies in embassies in a hundred capitals. The peace process has ended our international isolation before achieving optimal security for us.



NATO: Open Up the Ranks to the East European Democracies

WASHINGTON — An event of symbolic significance took place in Warsaw last month when President Boris Yeltsin became the first Russian to visit Poland as the leader of a free and equal country rather than as an imperial master.

for Russia, too, provided that it were accompanied by a clear definition of a new NATO policy toward the former Soviet Union.

on Germany's eastern border. It would extend the zone of stability and democracy in Europe eastward, thereby consolidating some of the gains of the Cold War. Perhaps most important, NATO membership for these three countries would begin the long, complicated and necessary process of transforming NATO from a defensive alliance against a threat that no longer exists into a broader security community capable of contributing to the establishment of democracy and the maintenance of peace from the English Channel to the Pacific coast of Russia.

with. As Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, the most influential Republican voice on foreign policy and a supporter of expanding the membership of the alliance, recently put it, "The choice is not between the current NATO and a new NATO but rather between a new NATO and no NATO."

Let Us Put Crown Heights Behind Us

NEW YORK — My my, how exquisitely tender and protective some New Yorkers are becoming about the majesty and dignity of mayoral office — and how suddenly and selectively.

and you asked if the cops were just following demonstration tactics. "Of course not, of course not."

The critics of the Hasidic lawyer ignore the nature of pretrial deposition, which the mayor tried unsuccessfully to quash. The whole purpose, as I once discovered to my horror, is to probe into the witness's state of mind at the time of the alleged discrimination, to gather threat to make a reasonable case of prejudice before a trial jury.

work. We obtained tactical information of great importance. During the day and night 32 tons of bombs were dropped by our aviators.

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OPINION

Schools Are Supposed To Teach Knowledge

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr

WASHINGTON—It once was said that the ideal school would be Mark Hopkins, a famous teacher, at one end of a log and the student at the other. Why a log I can't recall. But as the new academic year begins, the American log seems to be crowded with intermediaries and cluttered by half a century of curricular tinkering.

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When such tests reveal how little is being learned—literary, scientific, historical—educational theorists are ready with boilerplate excuses. The tests, they claim, are "culturally biased," or "more facts" are less important than "skills," or the schools need to "teach values" lest America's 6-teach values society come unglued, or students must be prepared for the practical world of work.

Only a fool would scorn the concerns echoed in these patented excuses. Fair-mindedness, a sense of the limits of one's own experience, mental agility, good behavior, the ability to function on the job—all these are important and highly desirable by-products of formal education. But they are no substitute for the thing itself.

Help may be on the way. Professor E. D. Hirsch of the University of Virginia advocates a new kind of schooling, the "core knowledge curriculum," which, with the aid and advice of a foundation he has set up, is being tried in about 100 schools around the country.

Education for Women Benefits All

Governments are far from living up to their commitment to reduce gender disparities in education. While progress has been achieved in some countries, in too many cases women's position in society, and their education, is far from satisfactory. Their lower status is rooted in economic inequality, society's reluctance to change attitudes, and sexually discriminatory practices and habits.



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a function that schools once considered paramount. It is strange to think that many schools (and colleges, too) now not only think "core knowledge" is beneath their dignity but are scornful of those who cling to it as an educational goal.

Mr. Hirsch deserves a medal for reviving a proposition so simple that it is radical: Schools are in the knowledge business! He argues that without a core of basic knowledge, or "cultural literacy," people cannot function in this knowledge-rich and scientifically complex world.

Thinking of Saroj on World Literacy Day

By Namtip Aksornkool and Nikolay Ulanov

KATMANDU, Nepal—Ten minutes into our trek in the Himalayas, Saroj appeared. We quickly accepted the unsolicited company of this 9-year-old, with his spindly arms and legs. He became our de facto guide.

Saroj would show off in the glorious spring sunshine by leaping from rock to rock with the agility of a mountain goat. "No, no, no," he would say. "I can run here. I am strong like Hanuman. You know Hanuman?" He liked to

compare himself to the omnipresent Monkey God, the right-hand general of Lord Ram in Hindu mythology. All through the year, up and down the path that leads to Sarangkot through a breathtaking panorama of snow-capped mountains, Saroj escorts foreign tourists. His service is exclusive and personal—an offer of a wildflower picked on the walk, help in peeling off layers of sweaters as the sun rises in the sky, and all kinds of information about local sights and culture.

MEANWHILE

Hundreds of my fellow Bosnians have sent an open letter to Presidents Clinton and Izetbegovic, imploring Mr. Clinton to punish the perpetrators of genocide, apartheid and territorial greed, and to take decisive unilateral action in resolving the Bosnian tragedy, and demanding that Alija Izetbegovic and the members of the Bosnian presidency refuse to sign any agreement implying the disintegration and death of our country.

Indian Democracy

Marin Salgado's letter, "India and the UN" (Aug. 26), seems biased and shortsighted. Let me remind him that not only is India the second military power in Asia after China, but also the only country outside the West to have a truly democratic political system. Press freedom in India is second to none. In today's world of proliferating dictators and aggression, it would be most appropriate to put the emphasis on democratic credentials for entry in the Security Council.

the epic Ramayana. He is a good manager and negotiator. We were impressed by his sense of dignity. For all his poverty, he has a sense of pride built on self-confidence.

Does Saroj need to go to school? Why bother with a classroom if he can learn so many useful things by stalking foreign tourists?

In fact, Saroj's case is exceptional. Most Nepalese children lack the motivation and initiative of our young guide. They fail to achieve their personal and economic potential without proper education and training.

Since the late 1980s, the government has developed several programs to broaden the education system. Primary teachers at public schools now get salaries, pensions and fringe benefits equal to those of government staff. Education has been made compulsory in certain districts. Literacy has become an essential criterion for government jobs. Primary schooling is free. So are textbooks. To increase the low enrollment in girls, schools encourage the hiring of female teachers. Training has become mandatory for primary school teachers. And private schools have been allowed to open.

Nepal, which had a literacy rate of less than

1 percent in the 1950s, has made considerable progress. Yet in a country with a staggeringly high birthrate—6.5 percent a year—much remains to be done. There are too many potential students and too few teachers and schools.

Only 30 percent of girls enroll in school, compared with 70 percent of boys. Dropout and repetition rates, especially in the first two primary grades, are as high as 50 percent. Half of those who enter first grade do not complete the five years of primary school. Much of the teaching is of poor quality.

Forty percent of the Nepalese live below the poverty line. Many adults can neither read nor write. For the poor and landless, providing food for their families is more important than sending children to school. They do not see the relevance of formal education. Saroj's story is only one in many thousands.

As our plane climbed away from Nepal, a question remained in our minds. With Saroj's ability to survive and learn in such a barren economy, how high could he reach if he had access to a proper education?

Namtip Aksornkool is a literacy expert in Unesco's regional office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Nikolay Ulanov is a free-lance journalist. They contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune for International Literacy Day this Wednesday, Sept. 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Epidemic in Thailand

Regarding "New Strain of Cholera Spreads Into Thailand" (Aug. 14): I can assure your readers that there is no cholera epidemic in Thailand. While sanitation and the state of health care in Thailand may not be the best in the world, they are far better than in many countries, including parts of the highly developed countries.

Bosnia: Dying for What?

The proposed Geneva plan on Bosnia involves deployment of more than 60,000 international troops to enforce the ethnic (i.e. religious) division of Bosnia, policing and promoting apartheid, and rewarding fascism. How can the United States, as the world's leading democracy, send its men to get killed in Bosnia in defense of fascism?

DRAGOLJUB D. BILANOVIC, Jilich, Germany.

Remember Ron Arad

Seven years ago, on Oct. 16, 1986, an Israeli Phantom jet went down over southern Lebanon. The pilot was rescued by an Israeli helicopter moments before Shiite militiamen closed in. Only meters away, the navigator lay wounded in the brush. That man was Ron Arad. He was 27 years old the day he was captured. His young daughter and wife are still waiting for him.

EDWARD A. MOERMAN, Chairman of the Committee to Free Ron Arad, Krimpen aan den IJssel, Netherlands.

It's the Way You Say It?

Regarding "Uptalk Is Like, on the Rise" (Language, Aug. 16) by James Gorman: A tailor put a sign in his window: "Pants pressed \$1." His rival on the same block put a sign, too: "Here we press pants 50 cents." The first tailor then changed his sign to read: "My name is Fink and what do you think I press your pants for nothing?"

LUCIFITE KLEIN, La Escala, Spain.

This Focus on the Facts Is What Children Need

By E. D. Hirsch

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia—The children at Public School 67 in the South Bronx are all African-American or Hispanic, and all are poor. In the '80s, the school was so ineffective that the district board was about to shut it down. But in 1991 a new principal, Jeff Litt, introduced a grade-by-grade "core knowledge" curriculum.

Clinton administration's new education bill employs the resonant new phrase "content standards." Nonetheless, most educational reformers continue to emphasize skills and scornfully dismiss the teaching of "mere facts," which they claim are destined for quick obsolescence.

BOOKS

CITY POET: The Life and Times of Frank O'Hara By Brad Gooch. 532 pages. \$30. Knopf. Reviewed by Walter Clemons

IN the early 1950s, when T.S. Eliot and the academic New Critics were all-powerful, Randall Jarrell wrote admiringly of Whitman. "They could have put on his tombstone, WALT WHITMAN: HE HAD HIS NERVE. He is the rashest, the most inexplicable and unlikely... of poets." At that moment Frank O'Hara, just out of Harvard, was embarking on his own nervous career as a poet, and Brad Gooch's big, engrossing biography emphasizes the rash, headlong, prodigal quality of his talent.

stantly to Balanchine's New York City Ballet, which, Gooch observes, had no subscription policy yet and could be attended as casually as going to the movies, which O'Hara also loved to do. He wrote quickly and enthusiastically about daily life in what he called his "I do this I do that" poems.

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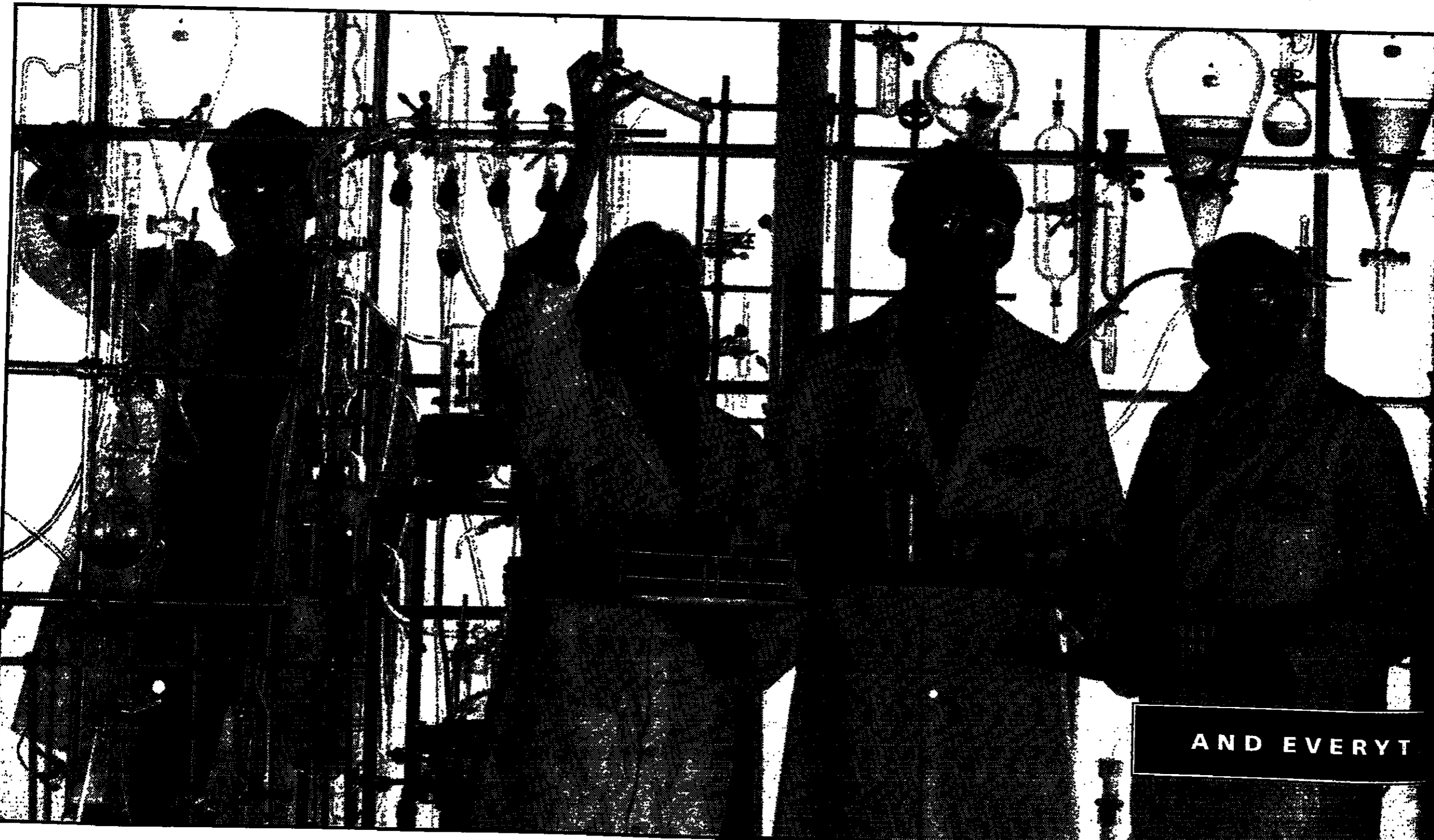
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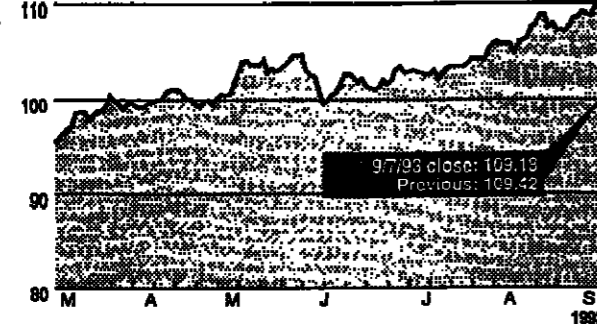
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## Wall Street's Gorilla: Mutual Funds Move the Market

By Leslie Wayne  
*New York Times Service*

**NEW YORK** — As millions of Americans pour money into mutual funds at a record rate — nearly \$1 billion a day — concerns are growing that the funds are bringing new risk to the savings of many people and instability to the markets in which they invest.

A whole generation of savers, seeking alternatives to the 2 and 3 percent returns available at U.S. banks, is now being transformed into investors.

Since the start of the current bull stock market, at the end of 1990, more than \$450 billion has poured into mutual funds — which include stock, bond and money market

funds — bringing their total assets to nearly \$1.8 trillion.

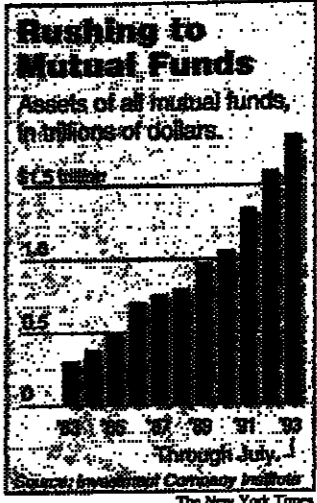
But as the money mounts, so do the concerns. In large part, people putting their money into mutual funds are middle-income and often first-time investors who are betting a larger part of their savings on increasingly uncertain and unstable markets. One in every four American homes invests in mutual funds and nearly half of all fund owners earn less than \$50,000 a year.

"Mutual funds are becoming increasingly responsible for people's savings," said Arthur Zeikel, president of Merrill Lynch Asset Management, the second-largest American mutual-fund group. "This is a cultural change. There are so many

unknowns. Given the huge flow of dollars, more of these people's savings will become more volatile and less stable."

Most of the money for mutual funds has come from the banking system. Nearly \$350 billion has been drained from banks since mutual funds took off. And unlike bank deposits, which are government-insured and guaranteed never to lose a penny, mutual funds are bets on the far riskier financial markets, where there is no certainty that investors will ever see all their money again.

There are now about 4,300 mutual funds, roughly twice the number of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and the demand



Assets of all mutual funds, in billions of dollars.

## Germans Worried About More Than Renault-Volvo Auto Executives Expect Industry's Ills to Endure

By Brandon Mitchener  
*International Herald Tribune*

**FRANKFURT** — Swamped by more immediate concerns, Germany's automotive industry on Tuesday shrugged off suggestions that the merger of Renault SA of France and Volvo AB of Sweden would add to its woes.

"I think it's a very good thing and I'm eager to see the results," Ferdinand Piëch, chairman of Volkswagen AG, said diplomatically.

Renault, a guest at the Frankfurt Auto Show, which opens Thursday, sought to ease German angst. "No company by itself is more threatened than another," said Louis Schweitzer, the Renault chairman. "We are all facing the threat of increased competition because the market is completely opening up by the year 2000," he said, referring to Europe's deadline for lifting quotas on Japanese imports.

Effective next year, the Renault-Volvo merger announced Monday would create the world's sixth-largest carmaker and its No. 2 truck company.

Analysts said the merger was sure to improve the competitiveness of Renault and Volvo, necessarily at some expense to German manufacturers of cars and trucks, but for the time being is the least of German worries.

German automotive industry executives gathered in Frankfurt for the auto show said their problems would remain acute for at least a year.

"Eight years of overfeeding have left us sitting ducks," said Mr. Piëch, referring to the German automobile industry's steep decline in international competitiveness since the mid-1980s. The problem is particularly pronounced at VW, which Mr. Piëch called "probably the biggest challenge in Europe and maybe in the Western world."

Though it posted an unspecified profit in July and August after a loss of 1.6 billion Deutsche marks (\$990.5 million) in the first six months of the year, VW will have a hard time staying in the black for all of 1993 because of problems in North

## Western Germany Shows Signs of Growth

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

**BONN** — Western Germany's economy is growing again for the first time in 15 months, official figures released Tuesday showed, raising hopes that the country's deepest recession since World War II had bottomed out.

But Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt said Germany's second-quarter growth rate, at 0.5 percent, was not enough to signal an end of the recession.

"The first signs of light for overcoming the recession are unmistakable," Mr. Rexrodt said after the figures were released Tuesday. "But it is premature to see a signal for an economic turnaround from this slight movement upward."

The second-quarter growth rate in gross domestic product was up from the previous quarter, but still stood 1.9 points below the year-earlier period. The economy had

shrunk 1.5 percent in the first quarter, for a year-on-year decline of 3.4 percent.

Mr. Rexrodt said GDP fell 2.6 percent in the first half of 1993.

Ros Lifton, an economist at Nomura Research Institute Europe Ltd. in Frankfurt, said most analysts agreed that the recession seemed to have bottomed out but that the economy could take another turn for the worse.

"We could see the economy continuing to bump along the bottom, or in the worst case taking another dip," she said.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel said economic recovery could be threatened if the government's 1994 budget was significantly changed. The proposed plan contains 21 billion Deutsche marks (\$13 billion) in spending cuts, which would let the government contain heavy borrowing it has undertaken to pay for rebuilding the former East Germany.

Mr. Waigel added that Germany was well able to shoulder the twin burdens of German unification and recession.

"All the things being said nationally and internationally about the decline of Germany are not supported by the facts," he said, while presenting the 1994 budget to parliament. "We will not be driven to our knees. Germany is and remains a strong industrial nation."

Private economists said the GDP figures were in line with expectations and they saw no reason to revise forecasts that GDP will contract by up to 2 percent for the whole of 1993.

While the government hopes for West German growth of 1 percent

next year, most economists predict either stagnation or growth of no more than 0.5 percent.

"It will be a very long valley," said Wolfgang Leoni, an economist at Bank in Lichstein in Frankfurt. "We will sit for a long time more or less at the level we are now at."

Mr. Waigel said the government's proposed spending cuts would let Germany hold its borrowing to about 67 billion Deutsche marks. That would give the Bundesbank greater room to lower the country's interest rates, which are seen as a drag on other nations' economies.

But Ingrid Matthaeus-Maier, economic specialist for the opposition Social Democrats, charged that the budget favored rich Germans. She demanded smaller spending cuts.

(AP, Reuters)

## MEDIA MARKETS

### U.S. Networks Sign On To the 'Myth' of Cable TV

By Bill Carter  
*New York Times Service*

**NEW YORK** — Just a month ago, it was easy to find network-television executives in the United States who would argue that the popularity of cable television was largely a myth. Hardly anybody is really watching the Cartoon Network, VH-1, the E! channel, Comedy Central or any of more than a dozen other channels, the executives would say.

But after months of trying to fight the cable industry, the broadcasters have decided to join them — and to sign on to the myth. In the next year or so, the four broadcast networks will start cable channels that hardly anyone will watch. Their hope: that the channels might someday make money anyway.

After years of legislative wrangling, the networks and their affiliates, in the Cable Television Act of 1992, won the right to ask cable operators to compensate them for "retransmission consent" — the right to retransmit their signals. At first, the broadcasters sought direct payment for the signals.

But in the face of united opposition from the major cable systems, which vowed never to pay a cent for retransmission consent, the networks caved in. They agreed to the cable systems' offer to pay subscriber fees if the networks came up with new cable channels.

The networks — ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox — will all play it cable's way. Most will sign together new cable channels that do not seem to fill any specific programming need.

Has there been a national clamoring for a new Fox channel, which will carry a melange of old entertainment shows and movies owned by the Fox studio? Not really. But Fox will introduce such a channel early next year, and cable systems will pay for it.

Nor does it seem likely that viewers are demanding an all-talk cable channel that they already can watch dozens of such shows on a daily basis. But an all-talk cable channel is what they'll get, in the form of NBC's "America's Talking."

At CBS, plans for a new, untitled public-affairs channel are so sketchy that even some top network executives have no idea what it's going to offer. But that did not stop CBS from making a deal with a large cable operator, Comcast Cablevision, to put the channel on its systems next year.

Only the new ABC cable effort, ESPN2, has a credible-sounding

## Chrysler Shows Neon In Europe, to Europe

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**FRANKFURT** — Chrysler Corp. showed its Neon subcompact car to the world on Tuesday, seeking to prove it can make small cars and sell them at a profit at home and abroad.

By unveiling an American car outside the United States for the first time, Chrysler demonstrated resolve to pursue the European market and challenge such subcompact stalwarts as Volkswagen AG's Golf.

"It's a car designed for markets around the world, make no mistake about it," said Robert Lutz, the Chrysler president. "It reinforces Chrysler's commitment to the European market."

Production of the Neon is to begin in November, with first models reaching U.S. dealers on Jan. 2. Exports to Europe are to begin in April.

The 2.0-liter, 132-horsepower car will be able to reach 120 miles (200 kilometers) an hour, clearly designed to appeal to drivers and highways in Europe, where speed limits generally are higher than in the United States.

One of the Neon's distinctive features is the round head-

lamps, as opposed to the narrow, long type usually seen on Japanese cars. It gives the Neon almost a "smiling face" look.

The Neon will sell for about the same price in America as Ford Motor Co.'s Escort — starting at about \$9,000. In Europe, it will cost about the same as the higher-priced Golf models, about \$17,000. Two-door, 150-horsepower coupes will be available from September 1994.

The Neon is the result of a \$1.3-billion program in which every aspect of building a small car domestically was challenged to ensure a profit could be made.

Chrysler's investment pales by comparison to small-car programs by its larger Detroit rivals, General Motors Corp. and Ford. GM has so far spent more than \$5 billion since 1985 to create and build its Saturn cars, while Ford has spent almost \$2 billion since 1990 to redesign its Escort and Tracer models.

Both GM and Ford have yet to earn any money on those efforts. (Bloomberg, AP)

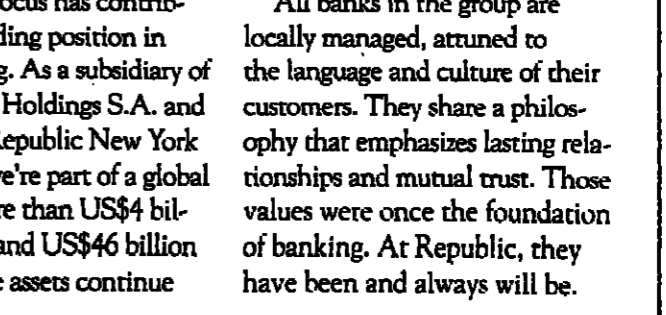
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MARKET DIARY

Economic Jitters Send Stocks Down

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK — U.S. stocks plummeted Tuesday as concern about the sluggish economy and corporate earnings outweighed record low-term interest rates, traders and investors said.

"If real slow growth and low inflation continue, we are being set up for a constant stream of earnings disappointments," said David Shulman, equity strategist at Salomon Brothers.

Investors also responded to remarks by the Federal Reserve Board chairman, Alan Greenspan, that weak growth among U.S. trading partners would curb exports, and that short-term interest rates eventually must rise.

Amid computer-guided sell orders, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 26.83 points to 3,607.1, led by declines in economically sensitive stocks like Chevron Corp. and Aluminum Co. of America.

Advancing common stocks outpaced declines almost 11 to 6, while volume totaled an active 129.3 million shares.

"The economy's not responding to lower rates, which ought to boost consumer demand and job growth," said Donald Smith, president of Donald Smith & Co. in Paramus, New Jersey.

The outlook for the rest of the year is not bright, Mr. Smith said, with the administration about to unveil its health-care reform package, further damaging business confidence.

The weak economy, low inflation, and plunging precious metals and oil prices drove yields on the 30-year Treasury bond to a record closing low of 5.87 percent, from Friday's 5.93 percent.

Advanced Micro Devices Inc. dropped 1 3/4 to 27 1/2 after the company said its independently developed 486SX chip was not entirely its own design but built on the 386 chip of its rival, Intel Corp.

Placer Dome Inc. dropped 1 1/2 to 18 1/2, Homestake Mining Co. fell 2 1/2 to 16 1/4, Newmont Mining Corp. dropped 2 1/4 to 45 1/4, Echo Bay Mines Ltd. declined 1 1/4 to 9 1/4 and American Barrick Resources Corp. dropped 2 to 22.

Total Pharmaceutical Care Inc. soared 8 1/2 to 21 1/4 after the company agreed to be bought by Abbey Healthcare Group for \$19 a share in cash and \$4 a share in shares. Abbey fell 3/4 to 22 1/4.

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With the stumping German economy showing signs of life, analysts and traders are abandoning the idea that Germany's central bank will lower interest rates in its leaders' bid to head off a policy meeting Thursday, Mr. Gilmore said.

The idea Germany's economy is improving gained support when Western Germany's second-quarter gross domestic product was reported up 0.5 percent on an inflation-adjusted basis from the first quarter.

Even if the Bundesbank did cut rates, dealers said, it was unlikely to change the 6.8 percent rate on repurchase agreements, which it uses to guide the money markets.

The dollar got some indirect support from the U.S. central bank. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, said U.S. rates must eventually rise from their current levels. His comment came in a written response to questions posed by the Senate Banking Committee and repeated statements he made to that panel on July 22.

But his statement did not overcome the weak dollar-denominated yields, underlined by a sharp fall in 30-year Treasury bond returns. The bond ended the day at a 5.89 percent yield, down from 5.94 percent.

Besides attractive interest rates, the mark is also supported by purchases by European central banks to replenish stocks.

The dollar fell to 1.4175 Swiss francs from 1.4204 and to 5.6788 French francs from 5.6924.

The pound rose to \$1.5385 from \$1.5300. Sterling was in demand Tuesday on talk of buying from the Middle East, dealers said. Earlier in London, the pound rose to 2.4810 DM from 2.4630.

Knights-Ridder, Bloomberg



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Dresser Industries to Acquire Baroid HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Dresser Industries Inc. said Tuesday it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire Baroid Corp. for about \$500 million in stock.

Nikko-Kyodo Restructures Gould TOKYO (AFP) — Nikko-Kyodo Co., an oil and mining company, announced Tuesday a restructuring of Gould Inc., its troubled U.S. unit, which has been losing money since it was acquired five years ago.

Abbey Expands in Home Health Care COSTA MESA, California (Bloomberg) — Abbey Healthcare Group Inc., a provider of home health-care services, said Tuesday it had agreed to buy Total Pharmaceutical Care Inc. for \$197 million in cash and stock.

IBM Launches New Minicomputers NEW YORK (NYT) — IBM introduced more powerful minicomputers Tuesday in the company's latest effort to defend its profitable, mid-sized computer business against increasing competition.

Weekend Box Office Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LOS ANGELES — "The Fugitive," starring Harrison Ford, continued to top the U.S. box office, earning an estimated \$17 million over the Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday.

Table titled 'Weekend Box Office' listing the top 10 movies and their weekend box office earnings.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table titled 'WORLD STOCK MARKETS' showing stock market performance for various countries including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, and others.

IRI to Shed Stakes in 2 Banks

ROME — Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale SpA said that a board meeting had agreed Tuesday to dispose of all of the state holding company's stakes in Banca Commerciale Italiana SpA and Credito Italiano SpA.

IRI said the shares would be sold by means of a public offering in Italy and abroad. IRI currently holds 54.35 percent of Banca Commerciale's share capital, a stake worth 2.56 trillion lire (\$1.6 billion), and 58.09 percent of the bank of Credito Italiano, worth 2.77 trillion lire.

The privatization of the banks was announced in 1992, but it was not known then if IRI intended to keep its stakes.

Table titled 'Paris', 'Tokyo', 'Sao Paulo', 'Singapore', 'Zurich', 'Stockholm', and 'Toronto' showing stock market performance for various countries.

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In East, Investment Goes Begging EBRD Finds Dearth of Firms to Aid as Sell-Offs Lag

By Jane Perlez
New York Times Service
BUDAPEST—When the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development started doing business in Hungary two years ago, privatization was humming along and the bankers who were sent to make investment deals thought their task would be relatively easy. It has not worked out that way.

'It is more difficult than everyone expected.'
Paul Dax, EBRD representative in Hungary

5 Nations Plan To Join Russia In Ruble Zone

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MOSCOW—Three former Soviet republics on Tuesday joined Russia, Belarus and Ukraine in their plans for an economic union, with the six countries planning to make the ruble their common currency.

Wide Bands In ERM to Remain

BRUSSELS—The European Community has ruled out any possibility of a return this year to the narrow exchange-rate bands of the old European Monetary System, two senior EC economic officials said Tuesday.

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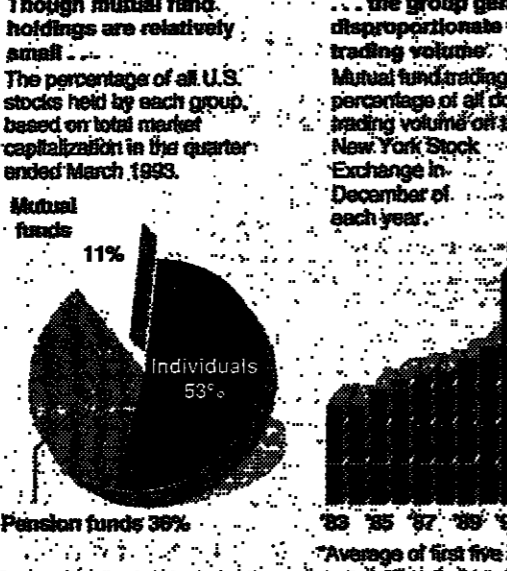
Very briefly:

Istituto Geografico De Agostini of Italy and Planeta SA of Spain said they had agreed to acquire Collier's Encyclopedia from Maxwell Communication Corp. for \$43 million.

FUNDS: Vast Migration to Mutual Funds Spawns Jitters on Wall Street

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York Stock Exchange, Mr. Birnizi said, are on hectic days for more than 40 percent of all trades.

A Growing Market Force



the mutual-fund industry, is considered one of the most comprehensive and successful pieces of regulatory legislation. Unlike other federal securities laws, which protect investors primarily through disclosure requirements, the Investment Company Act is far more comprehensive in specifying what mutual funds can and cannot do.

CARS: Renault-Volvo the Least of German Worries

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America, the Asia-Pacific region and the company's SEAT subsidiary in Spain, he said.

ports to the European Community this year is inadequate and unacceptable to the European Automobile Manufacturers Association, Agence France-Press reported from Brussels.

TOP FUNDS

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The purpose of this tender is the construction of the Jordão river diversion scheme, complementing the Segredo Hydroelectric Plant complex, located in the State of Paraná, Brazil.

JAPAN: A Bleak Assessment of the Economy, but No New Prescription

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Increasingly likely is a smaller package of tax breaks on business, housing and education. These will augment the government's program to deregulate the economy and lower consumer prices to reflect the yen's appreciation.

That was followed by apparent leaks to media over the weekend that a half-point cut in the official discount rate, to 2 percent, was imminent.

CABLE: Join Them Rather Than Fight Them, U.S. TV Networks Decide

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premise — more sports programming — and some long-standing planning behind it.

last year. That does not make the result any more palatable to companies like Turner, whose Cartoon Channel will have slower growth because some cable operators will be buying the network's new offerings.

Channels well established in cable, like CNN, ESPN, MTV and the USA Network, are significantly profitable even though their audiences are much smaller than those of the networks. They make money on subscriber fees from cable systems.

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CITIC Up On Boom In China

Hong Kong Unit Boosts Net 83%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG — Despite China's latest retrenchment program and a litany of economic woes, the Hong Kong-based subsidiary of Beijing's state-owned China International Trust & Investment Corp. said Tuesday its net profit had surged 83 percent to 802.3 million Hong Kong dollars (\$103.5 million) in the first half of 1993.

Sales rose 85 percent, to 3.33 billion dollars. CITIC Pacific, the Hong Kong unit, said the growth had been due largely to China's voracious appetite for cars and renewed interest in travel to China.

The company said that it expected its profit for 1993 as a whole to show a "satisfactory" increase. It said the government's measures to cool the economy could affect business in the short term but would also provide new investment opportunities.

"We said that we'd have steady but quick growth and that's exactly what we've had," said Vernon Moore, executive director of CITIC Pacific.

Car sales to China by Dah Chong Hong, the company's retailing and auto-dealership arm, were strong enough to nearly double the results posted a year ago.

Dragonair, the company's regional airline, saw passenger loads to the mainland increase dramatically, even though many Asian airlines such as Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific Airways suffered due to the recessions in Europe and Japan.

New services to eastern China and Cambodia were opened and further strong growth in earnings was expected.

Results were also boosted by the inclusion for the first time of earnings from Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd., CITIC said. CITIC Pacific acquired 12 percent of the company in January.

There was a substantial reduction in the contribution of its 12.5 percent stake in Cathay Pacific, however, which recently announced a sharp drop in profit.

Last year, CITIC Pacific had shown even more impressive growth, as profit for the 12 months rose 212 percent to 1.04 billion dollars.

But analysts warned that the latest problems in China's economy could cloud the unit's future.

Among the measures that were introduced this summer to cool the economy was a ceiling on the number of cars that could be imported and bought by provincial governments, one of the biggest consumers of cars in China.

"In 1994, when the Chinese austerity program really kicks in, that's when CITIC Pacific will get hit," said Anne Gardini, an analyst at W.I. Carr. "We're going to start to see a slowdown at CITIC."

At Fujitsu, Open Systems Its Computers Will Work With Rivals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Battered by falling sales and sharply reduced profits, Fujitsu Ltd. has decided to open up its once-proprietary computers so they can plug into rival systems.

However, analysts were quick to suggest that the strategy outlined Monday by President Tadashi Sekizawa may not be enough to get earnings back on track in the near future.

Fujitsu said Tuesday it was considering a 10 billion yen (\$95.5 million) cut in its 110 billion yen capital-spending plans for this financial year, ending March 31, 1994. The company is also weighing a 10 billion yen cut in its 295 billion yen research-and-development spending and streamlining its focus on areas of research.

Mr. Sekizawa told reporters at a briefing in Tokyo that "changing consumer needs mean that open systems are the way to future growth." He said the company would shift resources away from hardware and into the development of ways to link a client's existing computer network to Fujitsu products.

The idea of an open system, where computers made by other vendors can be connected to Fujitsu machines, has long been anathema to Japan's premier high-tech concern.

Fujitsu has built its reputation, and much of its earnings over the years, by providing high-priced complete computer systems that require no products from any other company.

However, a worldwide trend in the computer industry toward smaller, more powerful systems where users mix and match equipment from a variety of vendors has left Fujitsu in a pinch.

Its bread-and-butter mainframe computer business — representing 70 percent of the company's group revenue — is in a severe slump. The reason is that these larger systems are rapidly being displaced by high-powered smaller computers.

How to avoid losing its entire investment in its existing systems, yet adapt to the needs of the times, is at the center of Fujitsu's business plan.

The shift to an open system does not mean a major shift in overall strategy, company officials stressed. "Fujitsu's basic business policy remains unchanged," said Vice President Mikio Ohtsuki.

The company will add smaller computers to its product range to provide users with a cheaper way to run a computer network, and will work on the development of hardware and software to link

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Fujitsu's larger computers with clients' systems, he said. "We are not going to lose our existing users by switching to a whole new line of business," Mr. Ohtsuki said.

Analysts say that Fujitsu's plans are a rather conservative compromise attempt to meet the harsh new business realities facing the industry. Still, the company is left with little choice given its parlous financial state.

"Fujitsu must make a gradual transition because it has so much to lose," said Makio Imai, electronics-industry analyst at Kleinwort Benson. The new plan represents the best the company can do at the moment, but it will have to expect poor earnings for the next four years or so, Mr. Imai said.

Fujitsu posted a group net loss of 32.6 billion yen on revenue of 3.46 trillion yen in the business year ended March 31.

Industry analysts expect the company to show a consolidated net loss of 30 billion yen in the six months ending Sept. 30. (Reuters, AFP, Reuters)

Weak Economy Drains Profit At Nippon Steel

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — The weakness in Japan's economy is punishing the steel sector, and Nippon Steel Corp., the top company in the industry, said Tuesday it would be unprofitable this year and would take the unusual step of omitting its mid-year dividend.

"It has become inevitable for us to suffer a loss in view of the declining business outlook resulting from the steep appreciation of the Japanese yen and flagging corporate capital investment," said Shigeru Omori, vice president of Nippon Steel.

Mr. Omori said his company expected a parent-company current loss of more than 15 billion yen (\$143.3 million) for the year that will end in March, compared with a 28.8 billion yen profit last year. The projection assumes the company will lose that amount of money in its first half, and break even in the last six months of its financial year.

Japan's four other major steel-makers are expected to follow suit and announce sharp downward revisions in their earnings forecasts this week.

As recently as May, Nippon Steel had expected the economy to rebound in the second part of its year, and thus forecast a profit. "A recovery in the second half is impossible," Mr. Omori said. "So the

Investor's Asia: Table with columns for company names (e.g., Nippon Steel, Daiichi Kangyo Bank) and financial data (Revenue, Profit, etc.).

Very briefly: Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Bhd., riding on the back of a buoyant local economy, announced a sharp turnaround for the year ended March 31, with profit jumping 90 percent, to 80.61 million ringgit (\$31.6 million).

Nissan Braces for Shrinking Japanese Car Market

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Citing sluggish demand and declining exports, Nissan Motor Co. said Tuesday it would produce just 1.8 million vehicles in its current financial year, down from an earlier forecast of 1.96 million.

Nissan, the No. 2 Japanese carmaker, behind Toyota Motor Co., plans to sell 1.17 million cars domestically in the year that runs through March, down from its previous goal of 1.22 million.

The company also changed its sales estimate for the entire Japanese car market to about 5 million units in the fiscal year, down 5.13 percent year-to-year, a spokesman said. Nissan had originally forecast that Japan's domestic car sales would total 5.2 million units.

"We don't expect the economy to recover strongly in the latter half of the year," the spokesman said.

would break even this year, following a current loss of 26.25 million yen for the year that ended in March 1993. Current profit includes pretax operating and securities trading results.

A report by Jiji Press said Nissan had lowered its export estimate to 700,000 vehicles from 760,000. The Nissan spokesman acknowledged that declining exports, particularly to Europe, would make it difficult to reach its earlier target. He added, however, that Nissan had not come up with a definite new forecast.

"We don't expect the economy to recover strongly in the latter half of the year," the spokesman said.

Toyota Motor revised downward in July its projection of domestic sales for 1993 to 2.2 million units from its earlier estimate of 2.32 million. Toyota sold 2.23 million units on the domestic market last year.

strong yen, which makes exports uncompetitive, Nissan has embarked on a program to trim its costs. Earlier this year, the company made headlines by announcing plans to slash capital spending, eliminate 5,000 jobs by 1995, and close a major assembly plant in Zama City, near Tokyo.

But the long-term cost-savings will come from Nissan's efforts, kicked off last year, to winnow a sprawling product line that spans 1,000-plus different model variations. Trying to be all things to all people is expensive.

Consider that Nissan now stocks 350 kinds of steering wheels and 1,400-odd speedometers and other dashboard gauges to equip its vast product offerings.

"The reduction in parts and model variations will bring a big impact in cutting costs," said Ikuji Yoshida, an analyst at Yamachi Research Institute. Japanese automakers "in-

China Expects Economy to Expand by 13% Again This Year

Reuters NUSA DUA, Indonesia — China's gross national product is expected to grow 13 percent in 1993, the same rate as last year, despite regulatory measures to prevent the economy from overheating, Zhu Rongji, the central bank governor, said Tuesday.

According to some newspapers in Beijing, this year's growth target was 10 percent. In the first half,

however, growth was believed to be at a rate close to 14 percent.

It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Zhu's projected estimates for growth in 1993 indicated a revision of any targets.

businessmen in Bali by video link said that the government believed it had been able to withstand and control changes in the broad economy.

"Early signs are that these measures are yielding positive results," said Mr. Zhu. "We expect to see more good signs in the coming months."

"In the first half of this year there was an excessive increase in the scale of investment," he said. "This is so because we are in transition and

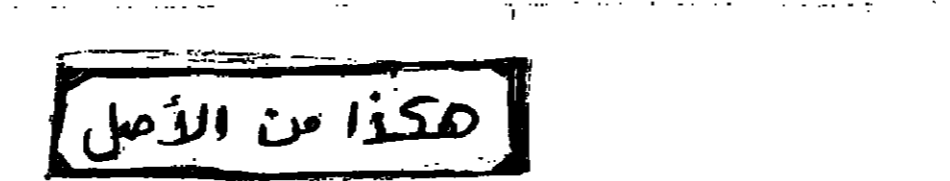
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# SPORTS SOCCER

## French May Force Paris Club to Take Marseille's Spot in Tourney

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
**PARIS**—As the top contenders to replace Olympique Marseille in the European Champions' Cup continued to bow out Tuesday, sources close to the French soccer federation said officials will force Paris St. Germain to take the other club's place in the tournament that begins next week.

All the candidates—FCG, Monaco, Bordeaux, Nantes and Auxerre—had made it known that they do not want to replace the French champion barred by UEFA a day earlier because of bribery charges.

But it appeared that the French federation did not want a new confrontation with the European governing body, UEFA, which has set a deadline of Wednesday at 1500 GMT for a new nomination.

Relations are already tense following the UEFA executive committee's decision Monday to ban

Marseille from the European Cup because of allegations it had tried to bribe Valenciennes players before a league match in May.

French federation sources said that Paris St. Germain was pressured into playing the first-round Champions' Cup match against AEK Athens next Wednesday.

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much as \$25 million in television rights, ticket sales and other revenues.

Tapie has promised to reveal his plans for Olympique Marseille on Thursday.

He started legal action Tuesday to force the French federation to enter Olympique in the European tournament. But Sports Minister Michele Alliot-Marie was among the many who said it would not work.

The Paris court is to give its verdict on Tapie's injunction application on Wednesday morning. The state prosecutor, Martine Trappero, said at a hearing Tuesday that the court should declare itself incapable of hearing the application.

Alliot-Marie, after meeting with Fournet-Fayard and the league president, Noël Le Graet, praised them for acting within "the ethics of sport."

Both men have come under fire

for their handling of the match-fixing case.

Fournet-Fayard, Le Graet, and Jacques Glassmann, the Valenciennes player who blew the whistle on the match-fixing attempt in May, were placed under police protection. Federation officials reported threats after Monday's decision.

The ban drew a generally sorrowful reaction from the French press and angry reactions from fans in economically troubled Marseille, where the soccer club is one of the few success stories.

"They want to kill Marseille!" said Le Prouvost, the port city's leading newspaper.

Two-thirds of French people think UEFA was wrong to ban Marseille from this season's European Cup before a court ruling on bribery allegations against the club, a poll showed on Tuesday.

The CSA institute poll, to be published in Wednesday's *Le Parisien* newspaper, said 61 percent thought the decision was wrong while only 22 percent agreed with it.

A UEFA document obtained by Agence France-Presse indicates that it was Tapie's political clout that stopped the French federation from launching its own inquiry into the match-fixing affair.

A report on a meeting between top UEFA and federation and French league officials reveals that the French were wary of tackling Tapie, a business tycoon and former minister in the Socialist government.

The federation had called the players involved in the allegations to a hearing, held soon after Marseille beat AC Milan, 1-0, in the European Cup final on May 26.

The UEFA report, on statements made by Fournet-Fayard and Le Graet in Stockholm on Aug. 22,

### A Crucial Night In Cup Qualifying

*The Associated Press*  
**LONDON**—Graham Taylor faces the most crucial game of his three-year reign as England's soccer coach Wednesday when his team hosts Poland in a World Cup qualifying match it can't afford to lose.

The match at Wembley is one of 11 World Cup qualifiers being played across Europe with places beckoning for next year's finals in the United States.

Group 1 leader Switzerland visits Scotland while, in Group 3, Albania hosts Denmark, Ireland is at home against Lithuania and Latvia plays in Northern Ireland.

Wales will host the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks (formerly Czechoslovakia) and Romania visits the Faeroe Islands in Group 4 matches, while already-qualified Russia is in Hungary and Iceland is hosting Luxembourg in Group 5.

Sweden will be playing in Bulgaria and France visiting Finland in Group 6.

Russia and Greece so far are the only European teams to make it to the finals, along with defending titlist Germany. Of the teams in action Wednesday, Switzerland, Ireland, Sweden and France are favored to join them while Wales, which has not qualified since 1958, now appears to have a better chance than neighboring England.

Terry Yorath's team has three home matches left and has never lost a World Cup contest at Cardiff Arms Park. It has a feared strike force in Liverpool's Ian Rush, Manchester United's Mark Hughes and Ryan Giggs and Dean Saunders of Aston Villa.

Taylor's team has not won for six matches and another loss would put it behind Norway and Poland in the Group 2 standings and tied with the Netherlands with only two matches to play.

Taylor has named his two Italy-based players, Lazio's Paul Gascoigne and David Platt of Sampdoria, to the team to face the Poles.

He has recalled Manchester United's in-form winger Lee Sharpe but left out experienced defender Des Walker and goalkeeper Chris Woods. The team will be captained by Stuart Pearce, who plays for relegated Nottingham Forest.

Taylor says he has picked an attacking team.

"This is a game that has to be won and I feel I have selected a team capable of playing in the Poland half," he said.

The unbeaten Poles, who have won three and tied two World Cup matches so far, have an experienced squad including players who line up for teams in Germany, Spain and France. Striker Jan Furtok plays for Eintracht Frankfurt, Roman Kosicki for Atletico Madrid and Jacek Ziobor for Montpellier.

A victory for England will cut Norway's lead atop the standings to one point. The Norwegians have 12 from seven matches with three to play, while England and the Netherlands have nine from seven and Poland has eight from five.

## One French Victory: Pioline Defeats Courier



*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*  
**NEW YORK**—Jim Courier's run of consecutive Grand Slam final appearances was abruptly ended Tuesday by Cedric Pioline at the U.S. Open.

Pioline's stunning 7-5, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-4 fourth-round victory may also have cost Courier his world's No. 1 ranking. It did provide the biggest surprise so far in a tournament that has been riddled with upsets.

Courier won the Australian Open and was runner-up at both the French Open and Wimbledon. But on this day, it was Pioline, the Frenchman without the flair but with the classic game and perfect game plan, who ruled.

Pioline, seeded 15th and ranked 21st in the world, lost his serve just once—and he lost it with unforced errors; Courier didn't win it.

He broke the top-seeded player in the 12th game of the opening set, twice more in the third set, and only once in the fourth set. But he only needed one break as his penetrating groundstrokes from the baseline, crisp and accurate volleys and big serves kept Courier from becoming the first man to reach the final in all Grand Slam tournaments in the same year since Rod Laver won four in 1969.

"He served well. He played well from the baseline," Courier said. "Usually his forehand breaks down. Today it didn't."

Courier said Pioline did not allow him to reach his own peak.

"I didn't play my best," he said. "A lot of that was due to what he was doing. Over a two-week period where you don't play your best. Usually I win those. Today I didn't."

Mabella Maleeva-Fragniere, who broke the little finger on her left hand last week during warm-ups for an Open doubles match, ended the unlikely run of Japan's Kimiko Date with a 7-5, 7-5 victory in a women's quarterfinal.

"Every match that I have won



Cedric Pioline lost his serve just once, and with unforced errors.

from the last three matches has been a surprise," said the Bulgarian-born Swiss player.

"Every match that I have won here has been a dream, from the last three matches since I broke my finger. I still cannot realize it. It seems so incredible that I am in the semifinals."

Date, only the second Japanese player ever to reach the Open quarterfinals, squandered leads in both sets.

After charging to a 4-1 lead in the opening set, she lost four successive games as Maleeva-Fragniere took a 5-4 lead.

In the second set, Date broke for a 5-4 lead, helped by two double faults. But the 22-year-old Japanese squandered a set point in the next game when she netted an easy overhead and was broken herself by double-faulting on the last point.

Maleeva-Fragniere held at 15 in the 11th game by stroking winners on the run from both the forehand and backhand side, and then finished the 1 hour, 41 minute match on her second match point when Date sealed a backhand crosscourt shot wide.

"I thought that maybe I had a little chance, but today is a little disappointing," said Date, who ousted eighth-seeded Wimbledon finalist Jana Novotna in the fourth round after dismissing ninth-seeded Anke Huber in the third.

Maleeva-Fragniere, 26, has said that she likely will close out her 12-year career at next January's Australian Open.

After hurting her finger, she had to retire from the doubles match with her youngest sister and partner, Magdalena.

Thomas Muster, seeded 12th, moved into the quarterfinals with a 6-2, 7-5, 6-7 (7-5), 6-2 victory Monday night over Brad Gilbert of the United States. The left-handed Austrian will meet 14th-seeded Alexander Volkov of Russia in his next match.

Muster and Gilbert were virtually even in the number of winning shots. Muster having 48 and Gilbert 46. The difference was in unforced errors: Muster had only 36, while Gilbert had 51.

In a late women's match, the third Maleeva, Katerina, defeated Magdalena, 6-2, 6-3, to reach the quarterfinals. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

Jim Courier couldn't slug his way out of a 7-5, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-4 loss in the fourth round of the Open.

### It's a Stormy, and Sad, Good-Bye for Navratilova at Age 36

By Johnette Howard  
*Washington Post Service*  
**NEW YORK**—Early on, she squandered six chances to break Helena Sukova's serve. And before long, Martina Navratilova was stewing and stalking around the Stadium Court. She swatted her racket this way and that, as though it might chase her demons away.

This was only the fourth round of the U.S. Open. But somewhere out there, Navratilova could see everything she desperately wanted one more time: Another Grand Slam run, with the crowd pulling for her on the soil of her adopted home. And it was slipping away.

"So she screamed."

"Make her play," Navratilova shouted. She angrily banged the net while arguing a line call that went against her. But in the end, histri-

onics couldn't save her. Navratilova unceremoniously went down, 7-5, 6-4, on Monday night.

Then she sadly waved off a television interviewer who tried to waylay her for a court-side chat. It was 20 more minutes before she dragged herself to the interview room for a postmatch autopsy.

Even then, she grew damp-eyed from time to time, especially when she asked aloud what her career record is against Sukova and the answer wafted back: "25-5, counting today."

Navratilova swallowed hard and looked down.

What went unsaid was that four of Sukova's five victories over Navratilova have come in Grand Slam play. But Navratilova hardly needed reminders.

Like Sukova, she admitted having a flashback to the first time her Czech rival beat her, at the Australian Open in 1984. That upset ended Navratilova's historic streak of 74 straight match wins. Then Navratilova went on to beat herself for not serving well enough and lobbing even worse. She complained about those lost break points.

"I just didn't convert today—that's what's so aggravating," Navratilova said. "I know that my game is there. It's just my heart, my mind won't let me... Sometimes I think I care too much. I so wanted to be out there. To get out there and take one more shot at the title. Because I had the chance, I had the chance... I mean, this is what I've always wanted—to have the chance to win."

Navratilova is 36 now. When it was noted that she seemed to be taking this loss far worse than her Wimbledon semifinal loss, she nodded and explained that the defeat two months ago by Jana Novotna was different.

"That day she just played unbelievable and I had no chance. But today I just blew it," Navratilova said. "That's why I'm so disappointed."

"This makes me want to say forget it, I don't want it anymore, or say next year is definitely my last year—and it also makes me want to work harder," she added. "All those things go through my head. And unfortunately, all those things go through my head during the match."

Also galling was the realization that her chances for another Slam

## Why Is It That, So Often in Sports, Triumph Begets Tragedy

*International Herald Tribune*  
**LONDON**—What is it in man that turns beauty under the stadium lights into into death in the streets before daybreak?

Columbia brought off one of the peak performances of all time on Sunday, beating Argentina by the score of 5-0 in Buenos Aires. The victory for positive football over negative, the courage and speed and thrilling thirst for goals from Columbia, was such that even partisan Argentines broke into ripples of spontaneous applause.

That is the essence of sport: a life force. No one should die for it. Yet this triumph was followed by news of 20 revelers killed and hundreds maimed or injured in the streets of Bogota and other Colombian cities.

Triumph begets tragedy when the traditional Colombian celebration of hurling flour over one another somehow got out of control. Manic car drivers were involved, drunken or drugged brawlers, perhaps even criminal gunmen.

It is becoming horribly familiar, this sporting success as a catalyst to mayhem and manslaughter.

Those who live by the sport cannot shrug off the numbing futility of it all. We keep extolling soccer's ability to cross barriers of race, color and religion, yet some evil geniuses turn joy into death.

It is not even cultural. Yes, the Latins are excitable. Yes, we are exhilarated and terrified in equal measure whenever we get caught up in street celebrations down South America way.

But don't lay this one at the door of the Latins. What turned celebration into catastrophe in Colombia had equally appalling consequences in Iraq last month after a soccer victory against China was followed by the deaths of nine people killed in street salutations.

Don't lay the blame exclusively at soccer's door, either. Three Chicagoans died as the Bulls celebrated another National Basketball Association title this spring.

From one country to another, what starts as peaceful if nationalistic pride turns into uncontrollable destruction. The common factor seems to be that where you have a mass outpouring of emotion in a city you court the unthinkable.

Psychologists point to criminally psychotic elements infiltrating the party. Sociologists describe the explosions as coming out of lives of desperate boredom. I don't know that I believe any theory, only that the violence and madness in man is attracted to, and sometimes over-excited by, a once simple sport that has grown to represent life in all its extremes.

How sad that we must again reflect and lament the loss of life rather than the vitality of an historic soccer achievement. Colombia's victory transmits its own tremors throughout the globe, and if the manner of it influences any of Wednesday's 11 World Cup qualifying matches across Europe we are in for exhilarating sport.

Those who know Argentina should not be surprised that some fans applauded foreigners who came to humiliate their team. There is, in the soul of the true Latin sports fan, recognition of flair and fantasy whatever its origin.

Argentines can corrupt the game, but some I know

—from Osvaldo Ardiles, who manages a London club, to the folks of Villa Miseria Fiorito where Diego Maradona was born in poverty, to high government officers—cherish the beauty and spit out the poison.

In that respect, there is little difference between the Argentinian, the Brazilian, the Colombian. Soccer is a thread among educated and uneducated alike, and many are capable of more generously embracing a gifted opponent than we Europeans know how to do.

**O**F COURSE Sunday's rout at the Argentinians' pride, their heart strings. Through soccer, Argentina conquered the world. Its team won the 1978 World Cup under a murderous military junta, won it again in 1986 under the Peronist government, and nearly won a third time in 1990.

By then, Argentina's attacking play had been replaced by caution and foul intent, hacking down opponents and grinding out victories on penalty shoot outs.

This is anathema to some Argentines, as well as others. Watch Ardiles coaching at Tottenham, and you see, hear and feel the love for a beautiful game. As a patriot and a diplomat, he might not condemn his country's bruising successes, but he reflects the predicament of his people.

Winning is important, but must it be paramount? Not if it is sought the way Carlos Bilardo coached it in 1990 and the way Alfio Basile has lately resorted to with Argentina's national team.

Having lost Maradona and Claudio Caniggia to cocaine habits, the Argentine team retreated into a cynicism that stretched the unbeaten run under Basile to 31 matches.

Colombia ended that with a 2-1 victory in Barranquillo last month and the fear of repetition made

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Conventional Wiz

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — For children about to start school here are some words of wisdom to ease the long path toward living happily ever after.

And here is George Bernard Shaw describing a journalist: "... a cheerful, affable young man who is disabled for ordinary business pursuits by a congenial erroneousness which renders him incapable of describing accurately anything he sees, or understanding or reporting accurately anything he hears."

Tom Stoppard's "Travesties" has James Joyce cite the dead Greek Homer to explain why art our most precious asset.

for immortality. The temples are built and brought down around him, continuously and continuously, from Troy to the fields of Flanders.

You students terrified of going off to school looking different — and what student isn't? — take comfort from the essayist William Hazlitt, dead these past 163 years:

"It takes the firmest hold of weak, flimsy, and narrow minds, of those whose emptiness conceives of nothing excellent but what is thought so by others, and whose self-conceit makes them willing to confirm the opinion of all evidence to themselves and those like them."

And finally, for those wondering why American life has descended into triviality, here is Haynes Johnson on the triumph of television:

Malkovich: A Chameleon in a New Light

By Bernard Weinraub
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — John Malkovich rarely goes to see his film performances, with the exception of "In the Line of Fire."

"I get so sick of my films being ruined," Malkovich said. "I've been doing plays for 20 years or so and I never needed any editing help. I never needed help getting a laugh and scaring people."

But the 39-year-old actor recently saw "In the Line of Fire," partly because his agent prodded him and partly because he wanted to see what all the noise was about.

The thriller, one of the most successful films of the summer, stars Clint Eastwood as a Secret Service agent who confronts the Malkovich character, a brilliant, scary killer who sets out to assassinate a president.

"It's very skillful," Malkovich said in a recent interview. "It succeeds at what it sets out to do and that's all I really ask. I don't care whether it's Artzud or the Wooster Group or Danny DeVito. It's totally irrelevant. My point is, what is it trying to be and does it succeed? That's how I judge anything. I like 'The Music Man,' I like 'West Side Story.' I like all manner of bizarre things, too."

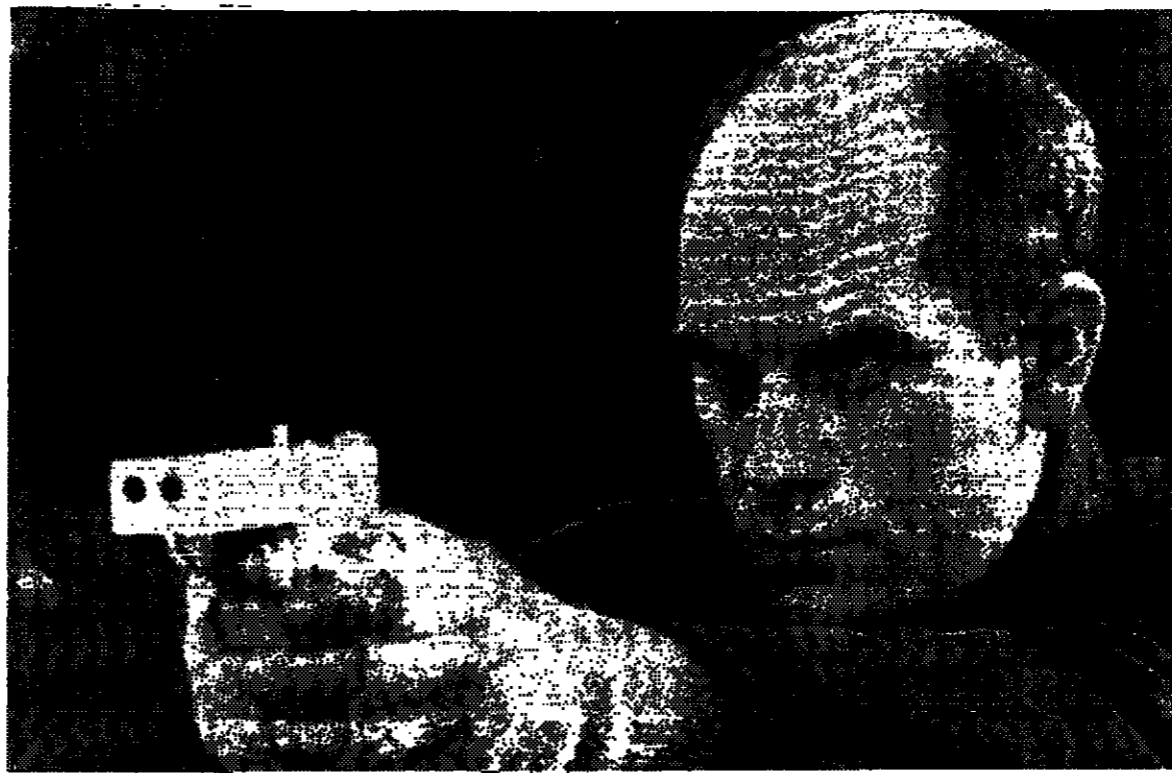
With the financial success of "In the Line of Fire," as well as the acclaim for his mesmerizing performance, Malkovich is fully aware that his career has taken an almost entirely new turn. He will probably be nominated for an Academy Award for best supporting actor, and scripts are piling up.

And yet the actor — who is articulate, brash, witty and coolly self-assured — said he does not see his professional life changing at all.

"I've had a bunch of different careers," he said. "When I did 'Death of a Salesman' on Broadway it would have been easy to have a career doing brooding sons. Or I could have made a career playing retarded people or gay poets, people I've played. Now I could play bad guys. I don't think I'm easy to type. I don't want to be typed."

At the moment, he is writing a stage adaptation of Don DeLillo's 1988 novel "Underworld," a fictional biography of Lee Harvey Oswald, which he will also direct for the Steppenwolf Theater Company in Chicago, perhaps next year. He is also hoping to star in a movie, "Jonathan Wild," based on the Henry Fielding novel.

Malkovich recently completed playing Kurtz in the Turner Network Television production of "Heart of Darkness." The adaptation of that Joseph Conrad classic, to be broadcast early next year, was made in Belize, which is not one of Malkovich's favorite places.



John Malkovich taking aim: He's happy with his job in the thriller "In the Line of Fire."

Seated in the Grill, a Beverly Hills hunch hangout for agents, Malkovich ordered a hamburger and seemed, most definitely, not your typical Hollywood actor.

It was in Chicago that he helped found the Steppenwolf Theater Company with Gary Sinise. He lives with Nicoletta Peyran, an Italian scholar of Asian culture who is the mother of his 3-year-old daughter and year-old son. The two met on the set of one of Malkovich's films, "The Sheltering Sky," where Peyran worked as an assistant to the director, Bernardo Bertolucci.

The actor plainly prefers working on-stage to the movies, but he's hardly averse to stardom. "I'm certainly not blind to commercial things and I don't think I've been a total idiot," he said. "I did a picture with Spielberg, 'Empire of the Sun,' which wasn't exactly like doing a film with a Bulgarian art director, and I did 'The Sheltering Sky' with Bertolucci after he directed 'The Last Emperor.'"

He has also appeared in roles as disparate as a photjournalist in "The Killing Fields," a misanthropic blind man in "Places of the Heart" and a sleazy French aristocrat in "Dangerous Liaisons."

And yet "In the Line of Fire" has finally solidified Malkovich's reputation as one of the most skilled and unusual actors in Hollywood, one who can hold his own against a major star like Eastwood.

"Clint is very self-contained, very silent," Malkovich said. "In movies, I've always been able to figure out what my job is. But doing it is a different thing. Some people get in the way. Eastwood is not like that at all."

"Oddly enough, he reminds me of my dad," said Malkovich. "I remember my dad taking me to an Eastwood movie called 'High Plains Drifter.' Everyone in the family loved Clint. I remember five or six minutes into the movie, after Clint had dropped about 30 people, my dad turned to me and said, 'There's not enough killing in this movie.'"

Malkovich grew up in Benton, Illinois, about 300 miles (500 kilometers) south of Chicago. His father, Dan, who died in 1980, was a former state conservation director, and his mother once owned a small newspaper.

"My dad was a mass of contradictions," the actor said. "I loved him a lot. He was fantastic, odd, very elegant, very handsome, very strange and self-contained; he was quite funny and had a bad temper; he was in the 82d Airborne, he was an environmentalist back in the 1950s."

Malkovich fell into acting by accident. He was involved with an actress in college and, while meeting her at rehearsals, found himself fascinated with directing.

He attended Eastern Illinois University, and later transferred to Illinois State in a town called Normal.

In 1976, Malkovich joined Sinise (his co-star and director in last year's "Of Mice and Men") and others to begin the Steppenwolf Theater Company. He appeared in more than 50 Steppenwolf productions, and made his New York debut in 1982 in Sam Shepard's "True West."

Malkovich said he acted as best he could, and if a film was a critical or financial disappointment, he didn't really worry about it. Asked if the film "Of Mice and Men" was a personal disappointment, since it earned good reviews but flopped at the box office, he shook his head.

"I look at it a slightly different way," he said. "In this business, you get to do things you like. You get to earn an enormous amount of money, which most people would have to work 10 or 15 years for, and many people get to see what you do. I can't really complain, can I?"

PEOPLE

Mia Farrow Flies Away, Just Earning a Living

Mia Farrow, in Ireland to make her first film in 13 years without Woody Allen, was asked by a newspaper whether she had a new romantic interest. "Any man would be mad to take me on with all these children," she said. "And the last thing I need in my life right now is a madman." She said she felt like she was out of a cage now, leaving the world of Allen and his "insular" films. "Now the scripts have started coming in and, please God, may they continue," she said. "I've got a lot of kids and I need the money."

Producers of a London musical based on Robert Maxwell's life can't find an actor big enough to fill the late publishing tycoon's waistband. "It's not just a question of getting hold of any old fat monster," said the producer Evan Steadman, a former Maxwell aide. "What we're looking for is someone who can really get to grips with the complex character of a man who was a real life grotesque." The show, if it is staged next year, will feature lyrics like: "I am the Very Model of a Modern Megalomaniac."

The French pop star Johnny Hallyday, 50, ignored doctors' orders to rest up after a mean bout of bronchitis and collapsed during a concert in Avignon. He was revived by paramedics, finished the concert and plans to smock his heavy schedule.

Jerry Lewis raised a record \$46 million in his Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon in Las Vegas, and had no time for people who called it all pity-mongering: "Let somebody come to me and tell me what I do in my good stuff. That's America talking." In Boston, a six-hour concert featuring Aerosmith, Sting, Elton John and Melissa Etheridge raised about \$1 million to help preserve Walden Pond, made famous by Henry David Thoreau, putting the project about \$3.5 million short of the \$10 million needed.

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Table with weather forecasts for Europe, North America, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Oceania. Includes high/low temperatures and weather conditions.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution for Puzzle of Sept. 7.

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Large advertisement for AT&T with the headline "I wonder if the little guy had fun today?" and a photograph of a child. Includes text about international calling and AT&T services.

Table of AT&T Access Numbers for various countries, listing international dialing codes and local numbers.

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